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City of Charleston March 23 Coronavirus Update

Charleston, S.C.-- The city of Charleston continues to operate at OPCON 1, with city buildings closed to the public and employees transitioning to working from home. Those who are unable to telecommute are now working in alternating A and B teams in order to protect the city's ability to provide essential services, while reducing risk for the employees themselves.

While city parks remain open for responsible use, this week citizens will see an increased city presence to ensure proper social distancing is taking place.

The city has received a number of questions regarding the suspension of trash collection. To clarify, green garbage bins of household waste will be picked up as normal. Yard debris and bulk items such as furniture, appliances, bedding and other large objects will not be collected this week.

This temporary action is being taken in order to make trash collectors available to serve as alternate garbage collectors in the A/B scheduling system described above.

As a reminder, the regularly scheduled meetings of the Ways and Means Committee and Charleston City Council will take place virtually, rather than at City Hall. Both meetings will be streamed live on the city's YouTube page: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxDws_o-tvoXBNOAZ17gZxw/videos?view=2. Alternately, the public can call and listen to the meetings by dialing 1-929-205-6099; access code: 225906695. The meeting agendas can be viewed here: https://www.charleston-sc.gov/AgendaCenter.

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